

REMARKS

The amendment filed July 21, 2004, in listing the claims, inadvertently overlooked an amendment to claim 2 which was made during the international phase on June 16, 2000. Claim 2 was then amended as follows

The compound of claim 1, wherein R20 is -CH₂X,
wherein X is phenyl.

This is evident from comparison of claim 2 as it appears in the IPER with claim 2 as it appears in the international application as filed.

In the listing of claims, claim 2 is amended to conform to its wording on June 16, 2000. We have labeled claim 2 as "amended" even though it could be characterized as "previously presented".

The amendment of claim 2 does not add new matter. Claim 2 is dependent on claim 1 and it states in claim 2 that R20 is phenyl. According to claim 1, R20 cannot represent phenyl. It would be clear therefore to the skilled person that a mistake has occurred in claim 2.

From a comparison of the preferred peptide sequence, it would be entirely clear to the skilled person that the amino acid residue of which R20 is a part is most preferably Phe. In such a case, R20 would be benzyl. (See, for example, claims 5, 9 and the compounds listed in claim 10.) In claim 1, this preferred option is covered when R20 is -CH₂X, wherein X is aryl.

It is asserted therefore that it would be entirely clear to the skilled person that claim 2 should in fact state that "R20

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is $-CH_2X$, wherein X is phenyl". In this way, R20 would represent the preferred group, i.e. benzyl.

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